



**E**ven though he is only 11 years old, Hamisi already has had a career as a miner. He dropped out of his third year of primary school and left his home village of Makumira in Tanzania after his father was unable to pay for his uniform and school fees. Although Hamisi's parents have their own half-acre coffee farm, their income fell sharply because of the decline in the market price for coffee throughout the world. Hamisi had heard stories of people making money from mining and decided to try his luck. He asked his mother for a small amount of money to buy some socks and other items, but instead used **this** for the bus fare to Mererani, a town in northern Tanzania about 70 kilometres from his home.

**A**fter several days of hanging around the mining site, he was hired by one of owners to work as an assistant boy. From that day, he worked as a service boy, going back and forth between the surface and the pits. The inside of the mining pit, which can be as deep as 300 metres, is totally dark and extremely hot. Those who go into the mine need to wear a special torch or flashlight on their foreheads to find their way around. Their skin turns to black because of the humidity and heat as well as the mud, Hamisi says.

"I nearly suffocated inside the pits due to an inadequate supply of oxygen," he adds. At the mining sites and in the township children like Hamisi are called "snake boys", because **they** crawl along the small tunnels underground just like snakes. The health of the snake boys is very poor, as they breathe in the harmful graphite dust found in the mines and they do not have enough to eat. Hamisi often worked up to 18 hours a day with only one meal of buns and boiled or cooked cassava.

**L**ike many other children working in the Mererani mines, Hamisi was disappointed by the terrible conditions and he did not make the fortune that he had heard about.

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(Adapted)

## I - COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks) :

1) Complete the following table with information from the text (4 marks) :

The young boy's Name and Age	Job	Parents' Status	Country
..... 11 years old	.....	.....	.....

2) Correct the following False statements with details from the text (4 marks) :

a- The young boy left school because his parents want him to work and make money.  
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b- When his mother gave him money, the young boy bought socks and other items.  
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c- Children who work are clean and always exposed to the sun.  
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d- The young boy succeeded in gaining a lot of money from his work.  
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3) Fill in the table with reference to the text (2 marks) :

Health of working children	Reasons
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	They eat only one meal.

4) Find in the text words meaning nearly the same as (2 marks) :

a- employed (Pg 2) : .....

b- had difficulty in breathing (Pg 2) : .....

5) What do the underlined words refer to in the text (2 marks) :

a- This (Pg 1) refers to : .....

b- They (Pg2) refers to : .....

6) What, do you think, the government should do to prevent child labour? (1 mark) :

I think that .....

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## II- LANGUAGE (10 marks) :

### 1) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the following box (3 marks) :

enjoy - save - along - argue - safe – alone – rough – out
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Families are supposed to be caring and loving towards one another. They are the people you should feel most **1-** ..... and secure with. It can be normal for families not to get **2-** ..... with each other sometimes. Every family has problems from time to time, even if they are usually happy and don't often **3-** ..... . Young people often talk to Child Line about their families. Some people talk about how much they **4-** ..... being with their family, but others sometimes talk about feeling left out or that they don't get on with them. The Child Line message boards are a good place to find out how other people feel about their family. The boards can help you see that you are not **5-** ..... and can be a great way to get tips on how to get through **6-** ..... times with your family.

### 2) Circle the correct alternative to obtain a meaningful paragraph (3 marks) :

Our phones can do so much these days that some people have trouble tearing themselves away long enough to reconnect **1-(at / with / off)** the real world. You've likely seen them around town, on public transportation, and in stores with their eyes and fingers glued **2- ( by / for / to)** their mobile device. Instead of interacting with the people around them, they **3-(remember / look / forget)** face-to-face conversation for virtual ones. Many believe that our younger generation is actually **4-(many / less / least)** capable of normal socializing because of this. They've gotten so little practice that they're simply not comfortable with chatting with someone they meet out in public. Since humans are social creatures by nature **5-( which / whom / who)** need real life connections, this runs the risk of becoming a **6-(wide / huge / old)** problem for society.

### 3) Put the bracketed words in the right Form and / or Tense (4 marks) :

The Internet or the World Wide Web is indeed a wonderful and amazing addition in our lives. The Internet can be known as a kind of global **1-(meet)** ..... place where people from all parts of the world can come together. It **2-(be)** ..... a service available on the computer, through which everything under the sun is now at the fingertips of anyone who **3-(have)** ..... access to the Internet. To get 'online', meaning to connect to the Internet, you need to have a computer equipment which is a sizeable investment and thus you should select a computer **4-(care)** ..... Before buying a computer, understand your needs and then choose one accordingly. See that it **5-(come)** ..... with a warranty and that after sales service is available in case you need it. You also need to have Internet Service Provider which is the software that you will require **6-(get)** ..... online. You can now choose from a dial-up service or 24-hour broadband services. This is the service that **7-(help)** ..... you to connect to the Internet and start your **8-(surf)** ..... experiences.

**III- WRITING (15 marks) :**

**1) Use the information in the table below to write a paragraph about Friends Reunion.(5 marks) :**

Friends very important	Hard to lose a good friend	Wonderful when friends reunited	Want to look for a friend not seen a long time	Look at Friends Reunited Website
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**2) TOPIC (10 marks) :**

Children in Tunisia watch an average of four hours of television daily. Write an article for your school magazine where you speak of the effects of T.V. violence on children and the role of parents to protect their kids from excessive T.V. violence.

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